thyristors of 55 mm and 75 mm diameter has been established in the country.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir, UPS market is now being catered to by local manufacturers based on indigenous and imported designs. With the advent of new improved designs, local manufacturers are being encouraged for tying up with collaborators to meet the growing demand.

Stagnation in the Cadre of Section Officers

2890. SHRI LAKKHIRAM AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is acute stagnation in the cadre of Section Officers and officers of the 1981 batch are waiting for promotion;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to ensure that the promotion orders are issued every month against whatever little vacancies are available, instead of waiting for several months;

(c) whether Government also propose to prepare a panel of 20 officers, followed by another one, before the first one expires; and

(c) whether the number of promotions is proposed to be increased, by allowing the officers holding G.C.S. posts to continue on promotion in CSS and give the resultant vacancy to next candidate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) and (b) A large number of the Section Officers included in the Select List 1981 are waiting for promotion as Under Secretary on ad-hoc basis. Appropriate action is taken to fill up the vacancies occurring in the Under Secretary's Grade keeping in view the functional requirements.

(c) There is no such proposal under consideration.

(d) The officers of the Central Secretariat Service (CSS) holding cadre posts of Under Secretary are not to be considered for ad-hoc promotion to grade I of the CSS. All other officers including those on deputation are considered for ad-hoc promotion to Grade I of the CSS.

Foiling Pak attempts to subvert Assembly Elections in Jammu and Kashmir

2891. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Army had foiled yet another attempt by Pakistan to subvert the assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir, by arresting a number of Hizbul Mujahideen and hardcore militants and recovering huge quantities of arms on the election eve and repulsing a group of Pak-infiltrators; and

(b) if so, the details of similar other moves by militants and Pak forces in Jammu and Kashmir, during August—September, 1996?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS: (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) and (b) It is a fact that Pakistan and its protege militant groups made all possible efforts, including attempts to infiltrate armed terrorists into the State, to try and subvert and disrupt the process of the Assembly Elections in Jammu and Kashmir. It is not feasible to pinpoint any particular operation of the Army to foil such designs. Coordinated arrangements and sustained efforts were made by the State Government and all the Security Forces and agencies to ensure that such designs are not allowed to succeed. As a result, the Assembly elections in the State were conducted largely peacefully.

During the period August-September, 1996, 265 militants were killed, 164 were arrested and large quantity of weapons including inter-alia, 422 rifles, 184 pistols, 768 grenades and a sizeable quantity of explosives and ammunition were recovered from the militants.

Oil fields and gas fields handed over to private parties

2892. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: SHRI JIBON ROY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of discovered oil/gas fields of ONGC and OIL contracted to foreign/Indian private parties, wholly or partly (joint venture), during the last five years;

(b) the money invested by ONGC and OIL on these fields before handling over the same;

(c) the production sharing formula between OIL/ONGC and the private parties;